

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GEO GUIDANCE DRILLING SERVICES,
INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

RENAISSANCE RESOURCES, LLC,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:20-cv-00465-CDB

**ORDER REQUIRING PARTIES TO FILE
MOTION FOR GOOD FAITH
SETTLEMENT OR SUBMIT PRETRIAL
STATEMENTS TO PROCEED INTO TRIAL**

**THIRTY AND FORTY-FIVE DAY
DEADLINES**

The parties and the Court in this matter have worked to finalize a settlement in this action. On April 18, 2023, the Court denied the parties' stipulation requesting, among other things, a further extension of time to finalize a settlement agreement, and request to file documents seeking approval of settlement-related matters. (ECF No. 65.) Instead, the Court ordered the parties to appear on May 9, 2023 before Magistrate Judge Stanley A. Boone, for a status conference, unless the parties alternatively submitted a fully executed stipulation of dismissal before such date. (Id.)

On May 9, 2023, the parties appeared before Magistrate Judge Stanley A. Boone for a status conference regarding the settlement of this matter. Daniel Root appeared via video on behalf of Plaintiff, and Peter Burfening appeared via video on behalf of Defendant. A discussion was conducted off-the-record. No party requested the matter be placed on the record. In light of the parties' statements submitted before the conference, as well as the matters discussed at the

conference, the Court shall order the parties to submit a motion for good faith settlement. If the parties do not file a good faith settlement motion within thirty (30) days, the parties shall otherwise submit pretrial statements in accordance with Local Rule

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Within thirty (30) days of entry of this order, the parties shall file a motion for good faith settlement and set a hearing before Judge Christopher D. Baker pursuant to local rule;
2. If the parties do not file a motion for good faith settlement, within forty-five (45) days of entry of this order, the parties shall submit a joint pretrial conference statement in compliance with Local Rule 281;¹ and
3. No further continuances will be granted.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 9, 2023


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

¹ No pretrial conference or trial date is set in this matter. The initial scheduling order set a trial before District Judge Anthony Ishii. (ECF No. 17.) Therein, the District Judge ordered the parties to file a joint pretrial statement. (Id. at 5.) The parties consented and the pretrial conference and trial dates were reset before then Magistrate Judge Jennifer Thurston. (ECF No. 21.) On April 20, 2021, this action was stayed for purposes of settlement. (ECF No. 26.) This action was reassigned to Magistrate Judge Baker on October 6, 2022. (ECF No. 55.) Therefore, the parties shall file a joint statement that complies with the requirements Local Rule 281, subject to any further order clarifying or changing the requirements issued by Judge Baker subsequent to this order.